

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): A light protecting composition comprising

a) at least one polysiloxane-based UV filter,

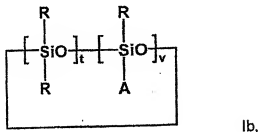
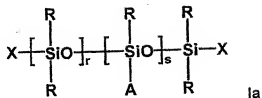
b) at least one additional UV filter which chromophore contains appropriate bulky (sterically-demanding) substituents selected from the group consisting of 2-(4-diethylamino-2-hydroxy-benzoyl)-benzoic acid hexylester, 4-methyl benzyldiene camphor, 3-benzylidenecamphor, homosalate, benzyldienecamphor sulfonic acid, methylene bis-benzotriazo tetramethylbutylphenol, drometrisole trisiloxane, and camphor benzalkonium methosulfate,

c) a carrier for the components a), b) and d), and optionally

d) additional UV filter(s)

with the proviso that 4,4',4''-(1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triyltriimino)-tris-benzoic-acid-tris(2-ethyihexylester) is not present in the composition.

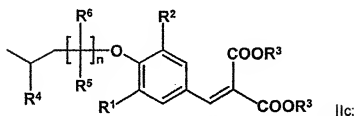
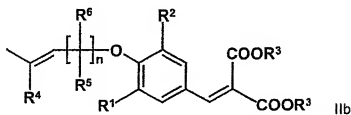
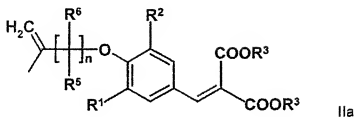
2. (Previously presented): A light protecting composition according to claim 1, wherein the polysiloxane-based UV filter is a compound according to formula Ia or Ib:



wherein

X is R or A;

A is selected from formula IIa, IIb or IIc:



R is hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl or phenyl;

R¹ and R² are each independently hydrogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₆-alkyl or C₁₋₆-alkoxy;

R³ is C₁₋₆-alkyl;

R⁴ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆-alkyl;

R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆-alkyl;

r is from 0 to 250;

s is from 0 to 20;

r + s is at least 3;

t is from 0 to 10;

v is from 0 to 10;

v + t is at least 3; and

n is from 1 to 6;

with the proviso that when s is 0, at least one X is A.

3. (Previously presented): A light protecting composition according to claim 2, wherein

X is methyl,

A is a group of the formula IIa or IIb,

R is methyl,

R¹ and R² are each hydrogen,

R³ is ethyl,

R⁴ is hydrogen,

R⁵ and R⁶ are hydrogen,

r is a statistical mean value of about 60,

s is a statistical mean value of about 4 and

n is 1.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Canceled).

6. (Previously presented): A light protecting composition according to claim 1 wherein the additional UV filter(s) d) are selected from the group consisting of

phenylbenz-imidazole sulfonic acid, disodium phenyl dibenzimidazole tetrasulfonate, benzophenone-3, benzophenone-4, TiO_2 and ZnO .

7. (Previously presented): A light protecting composition according to claim 1 wherein the sum-amount of all UV filters a) is lower or equal to the sum-amount of all UV filters b) and d).

8. (Withdrawn - currently amended): A method to increase the ratio of the sun-protecting factor to the total UV filter amount in a light protecting composition, the method comprising

a) the addition of a polysiloxane-based UV filter in order to reduce the amount of a UV filter which is liquid at room temperature (25°C) by which the total UV filter amount will be reduced, and

b) the addition of UV filter(s) containing bulky groups and, and optionally

c) the addition of UV filter(s) which are not liquid at room temperature (25°C) in order to increase the sunprotecting factor of the light protecting composition.

9. (Withdrawn - currently amended): A method according to claim 8, wherein the UV filter which is liquid at room temperature (25°C) is selected from the group consisting of octocrylene, ethylhexyl methoxycinnamate, PEG-25 PABA, isoamyl p-methoxycinnamate and octyl dimethyl PABA.

10. (Withdrawn): A method according to claim 8, wherein the UV filter(s) containing bulky substituents are selected from the group consisting of 2-(4-Diethylamino-2-hydroxybenzoyl)-benzoic acid hexylester, 4-methyl benzylidene champhor, 3-benzylidenecamphor, butyl methoxydibenzoylmethane, homosalate, benzylidenecamphor sulfonic acid, methylene bis-benzotriazo tetramethylbutylphenol and drometrizole trisiloxane.

11. (Withdrawn - currently amended): A method according to claim 8, wherein the UV filter(s) which is not liquid at room temperature (25°C) is selected from the group consisting of phenylbenzimidazole sulfonic acid, disodium phenyl dibenzimidazole, tetrasulfonate ethylhexy triazone, diethylhexyl butamido triazone, bis-ethylhexyloxyphenol methoxyphenyl triazine, benzophenone-3, benzophenone-4, TiO_2 and ZnO .